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STRANGE RESCUE

ON a clear morning about nine days out of Lisbon, bound for Charleston, S. C., the freighter Bonnie Belle's watch sighted something about two points off the port bow.

"Ho," he called loudly to the bridge, and every pair of glasses was turned on a weatherbeaten lifeboat drifting toward the West. As the freighter got within closer range, it was observed that there were three figures lying within the small boat. With all haste, the Captain ordered a boat put out to rescue and return with the men.

As everyone knows, there isn't very much excitement on one of these long freighter trips, and the few passengers and all the crew and officers were stand. ing near the rail filled with curiosity when the Bonnie Belle's smallboat hove to along the side with her precious burden. When the men were finally raised to the deck, the Captain had to order everybody to their quarters immediately. It was easy to see right from the first that the men weren't hurt badly, but were just unconscious from exposure or possibly thirst. The Captain had them taken down to sick bay right away while the doctor tried to revive them. Everyone on the ship wanted to know the story of how they got there and what ship they were from, but the Captain wouldn't hear of it. He placed the rescued men under strict security regulations.

The Captain and the doctor

were the only ones with the men when they started to regain consciousness and take a little hot broth. The first words out of their mouths were, "Where be I?"

Sailors are used to hearing different dialects and languages from all over the world, so it was a treat for the Captain to notice that the men spoke English. True, there was some kind of a dialect there, but it was still English, and the Captain was pleased at knowing that he would be able to hear their whole story first-hand after they had a good sleep.

"You take it easy now, men," the doctor warned.

"You'll be all right," the Captain assured them. "This is the American freighter Bonnie Belle, and we'll have you home again before you know it."

All the men now seemed alert enough, but they needed rest badly, so the helpful officers decided not to bother them with questions just yet. "Let them sleep," the doctor advised, "then after a good rest they'll feel like telling us just how everything happened and if there's anything else we can do."

The Captain agreed and immediately gave orders to the radio room to relay the message of the rescue to the Coast Guard. "Maybe we'll find out what ship they're from Must have been a terrible accident," the skipper said, almost to himself.

"Begging your pardon, sir,"

the radioman suggested, "but I haven't heard anything about an SOS on the radio, and there hasn't been any weather trouble in these waters for a few months now."

"But how else could those men have been cast adrift on that lifeboat if it weren't for an accident or . . ."

"Or mutiny, sir," the radioman finished. Or maybe they're deserters, or escaped prisoners or ..."

"That's quite enough," the Captain warned the crewman. Captain Lomax had, up until this time, pictured himself as quite a hero. He allowed his mind to wander and he could almost read the headlines in the papers about him rescuing these men who would have been adrift for a long time if it hadn't been for him. Now his mind took another turn, but this time not quite so romantic. He could now see himself as being mixed up in an international incident.

"No," he told himself. "It would be best if I didn't say anything about picking up these men until I've heard their own story." Then he turned and countermanded his last order. "Don't send that wireless yet," he snapped. "At least, not for a little while." And the Captain went back down to sick bay to confer with his friend the doctor.

It took some time, but within a few hours, all the three men had awakened, had eaten, and seemed to be in excellent spirits

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THE PRISONER! PLEASE, SOMEBODY. PLEASE FIND THE LAMP! RUB IT AND SET ME FREE AND I WILL GRANT ALL YOUR WISHES WHATEVER THEY BE! G700 AFTER ALADDIN, MY KIND AND IT WAS BURIED IN THE BUT THEY WERE CAPTURED THE THIEVES NEVER MASTER PASSED AWAY, DESERT SANDS BY THEM ... AND TAKEN AWAY... RETURNED AND I'VE THE LAMP WAS STOLEN BEEN A PRISONER IN BY THIEVES ... THE LAMP, BURIED IN WE WILL RETURN FOR THE DESERT EVER SINCE. IT AFTER WE ESCAPE ALADDIN'S GUARDS WHO PURSUE US! BUT TODAY, I HEAR SOMEBODY DIGGING ABOVE ME!







YES .. YES! THE DIGGING IS

WHOEVER IT IS, HE IS COMING CLOSER...AND CLOSER...

THE SUSPENSE MAKES
ME TREMBLE! DON'T
STOP DIGGING!
PLEASE DON'T!

AHH! HIS SHOVEL HAS STRUCK THE LAMP! SOON I WILL BE FREE!













OF COURSE IT IS POSSIBLE! DO NOT WASTE ANY MORE TIME! RUS THE SIDES OF THE LAMP AND SET ME FREE!

RUB HARDER! IT HAS BEEN SUCH A LONG TIME SINCE THE LAMP HAS BEEN RUBBED! DO NOT GET DISCOURAGED! KEEP RUBBING!





THE LAMP'S SIDES RUB AGAINST THE ROUGH SANDS AS IT SLIDES ACROSS THE DESERT'S SURFACE, AND THAT IS JUST THE HARD RUB IT NEEDED!











AND I DEMAND GREAT









OR ELSE YOU WILL BE

HE LAUGHS AS I RAISE MY ARMS TO WORK MY GREAT POWERS...

BILLOWS OF SMOKE BOIL AROUND ME AND HE LAUGHS IN TRIUMPH.

THEN THE SMOKE BEGINS TO CLEAR AND STILL HE LAUGHS AS HE SEARCHES EAGERLY FOR HIS WEAPONS AND GREAT ARMIES_

BUT HE SEES NOTHING. NOT EVEN ME! AND HIS LAUGHTER CEASES ...









YES... I AM BACK INSIDE ALADDIN'S LAMP FOR ALL ETERNITY! BECAUSE I WOULD RATHER BE A PRISONER IN HERE, THAN LIVE AS A **SLAVE** IN A WORLD RULED BY MEN LIKE THAT COMMUNIST!





PRETENDING TO BE SOMETHING MORE THAN THEY REALLY ARE! SUCH MEN WE CALL "BLUFF" YET, WHO CAN SAY WHICH HAND WAS A BLUFF AFTER THE CARDS HAVE BEEN SHUFFLED?

UNCLE ED and MEN from SPACE



WHENEVER UNCLE EO CAME TO VISIT, IT WAS A BIG EVENT IN YOUNG J'IMMY'S LIFE! HE'D SIT LISTENING TO THE WONDERFUL TALES OF UNCLE ED'S BIG GAME HUNTS...









JIMMY WAS EIGHTEEN WHEN HIS UNCLE KEPT HIS PROMISE! WITH TWO OTHER HUNTERS, JIMMY AND UNCLE EO HEADED FOR MAINE.

YOUNG JIMMY GLOWED NITH PLEASURE AS UNCLE ED TOLD ABOUT OTHER HUNTS HE'D HAD IN MAINE.

JIMMY TURNED TO SEE HOW THE MEN APPRECIATED HIS UNCLE! IT WAS THEN HE CAUGHT THE CYNICAL LOOK THAT PASSED BETWEEN THEM...



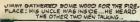




BUT UNCLE ED WAS A GREAT TALKER AND THE MILES TO THE ISOLATED HUNTING CABIN IN MAINE MELTED AWAY...











Jimmy's Idol was cut Down! Yet he reserved Judgment. Because of The hero worship he had Developed over the years.



THE NEXT DAY, THEY WENT HUNTING! THEY TRACKED A.DEER! IT WAS AN EASY SHOT FOR UNCLE ED.





THIS WAS THE UNCLE HE HAD LOOKED UP TO... THE GREAT HUNTER! HE WAS NOTHING BUT A GREAT BLUFF, TALKING TO COVER HIS FAILINGS.

















THE VOICES OF THE VEGETABLE BEINGS WERE ARROGANT!























ATLAS

HE DIDN'T BELIEVE IN SPELLS OR CHARMS, BUT EVEN HE HAD TO ADMIT

MAGIC WORDS!



NO MATTER HOW MUCH LENHY WANTS TO ASK A GIRL OUT, HIS LOOKS MAKE HIM SELF-CONSCIOUS AND SHY, AND TURN HIS INVITATION INTO AN ABSURDITY TO WHICH NO WOMAN EVER PAYS



BUT MISS DONNE PASSES SILENTLY BY/
DEJECTED AND LONELY, LENNY SHUFFLES
DOWNTOWN...

















MAGIC DROP OF LIQUID, LENNY
YANKS OPEN HIS DOOR...

GOOD ON, HELLO, LENNY/
EVENING, MISS DONNE! TO ME BEFORE?

I WANTED TO ASK YOU TO GO TO THE MOVIES WITH ME THIS EVENING! I

EVENING! I
THINK YOU SOUNDS
MIGHT ENJOY
THE NEW THANKS FOR
PICTURE! INVITING ME!

STARTLED BY THE SUDDEN
TURN OF HIS LUCK, LENNY
ESCORTS MISS DONNE TO THE
CORNER THEATER ...

CORNER THEATER.

SHE DIDN'T EVEN OBJECT
WHEN I TOOK HER HAND!
THAT LIQUID MUST BE
MAGICE!

THE NEXT MORNING, HUMMING CONTENTEDLY, LENNY APPLIES A DROP OF LIQUID TO HIS CHEEK...

MAYBE LAST NIGHT WAS JUST A COINCIDENCE AND HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS CHARM/LET'S SEE HOW,



INSTEAD OF SLINKING TO HIS DESK, LENNY CONFIDENTLY STRIDES BY THE PRETTIEST SECRETARY...

MORNING, HELEN! YOU LOOK VERY BEAUTIFUL TO ME LIKE THAT BEFORE! TO ME LIKE THAT BEFORE! AND YOU KNOW SOME THING? I LIKE IT!

ASSURED BY HIS SECOND SUCCESS, LENNY CHATS GAYLY WITH THE OTHER GIRLS, WHO FOR ONCE SEEM TO FLIRT RATHER THAN SMIRK AT HIM...



WITH A DROP OF LIQUID ON HIS CHEEK TO START THE DAY, LENNY FINDS HIS NIGHTS ARE DATED, AS THE MAGIC CHARM CHANGES A WALLFLOWER WALL PLOYER LANGES A WALLFLOWER



BUT THEN ONE MORNING, LENNY LOOKS AT THE VIAL WITH ALARM...

THERE'S ONLY ONE PROP LEFT! I'D BETTER FIND THAT GYPSY AND GET A REFILL! BUT DESPITE HIS SEARCHING, LENNY CAN'T LOCATE THE GYPSY'S



BUT A DOZEN INQUIRIES ALL BRING THE SAME ANSWER...

NO... I'M POSITIVE THERE NEVER WAS ANY GYPSY PLACE AROUND HERE!

NO ONE EVER SAW OR HEARD OF HER, BUT THIS BOTTLE IS **PROOF** SHE WAS HERE! WELL, THERE'S ONE WAY OUT! I'LL HAVE THE LAST DROP CHEMICALLY ANALYZED!



SURPRISED AT LENNY'S REQUEST, THE CHEMIST POURS THE TINY DROP OF LIQUID INTO A TEST TUBE AND BEGINS TO CHECK ITS CONTENTS...

IF HE CAN'T DUPLICATE THAT LIQUID, IT'S ALLOVER!

WHATEVER WAS IN THAT MAGIC CHARM, THAT'S WHAT MADE ME POPULAR! WHY ELSE WOULD THOSE GIRLS HAVE GONE WITH A GUY WHO LOOKS LIKE ME?

THAT LIQUID HAS CARBON, CERIUM,
NITROGEN AND SIX OTHER CHEMICALS
IN IT! BUT THEY ADD UP TO NOTHING
I EVER HEARD OF!

LET ME
SEE THE ANALYSIS!
I CAN READ
CHEMISTRY SYMBOLS!

AMAGRAM. THE CHEMICAL SYMBOLS SPELL OUT WHAT THE MAGIC CHARM GAVE ME... WHAT I NEEDED MOST, AND WHAT I'LL ALWAYS HAVE NOW, THANKS TO ITS HELP!

FOR A PUZZLED MINUTE, LENNY

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... with one notable exception. They all seemed very suspicious, yet terribly curious. The Captain's fears seemed to be confirmed. "They act like men who have been away from civilization for a long time," he told the doctor.

"Could be just the shock wearing off," the doctor reassured him. But when the dishes had been cleared and the bed-clothes straightened over the men, the doctor and the Captain sat down near the beds for their story.

"Tell me," the Captain began, "you men must have had quite an experience being mageoned out there on the ocean for such a long time."

The men exchanged glances of doubt. The tallest one spoke to the Captain finally, "Thou art kind," he mumbled. "But would thee oblige us more and tell us the date and year, pray."

"Of course," the Captain smiled. "We had forgotten that you probably lost track of these things," and he pointed to a large calendar on the wall.

The men's heads turned and after a moment, exclamations of surprise and disbelief came from them.

"1955!"

"But this cannot be true!" the leader spoke. "Why, only a fortnight ago..." and then he stopped, suddenly aware of a great need for silence.

The others caught his distrust, and also held their tongues. The Captain and the doctor soon saw that they could get no more information from the trio, so they left the room. However, the doctor, instead of closing the door tightly, left it alightly ajar and the two men stood for a moment to see what they could hear. Soon, a conversation started.

"What d'ye think now, Ned boy?" a subdued voice asked.

"Aye, I cannot say. Not yet," a voice answered ominously.

A third replied, "What is it then that makes the ship so strange? An' what of the calendar on the wall .. and answer me this one, maties, if ye may ... how does this ship go ... I saw no signs of sails as they brought us in."

That stopped the men for a while, but soon the conversation started again.

"And yet, I can feel the ship

"It's not exactly sailin', Andrew. What're the strange sounds comin' from below decks, and from the porthole, the water looks like it's rushin' by faster'in ever I saw it."



"An' did ye see the outlandish garb of the Captain?"

"Aye, an' his friend too. And look you, George, what're these things here on the table in all these jars and bottles?"

There was a silence then, when the rescued men were looking over the implements on the doctor's table, and during that time, the doctor and the Captain made their way up the gangway to the deck.

"I can't understand it," was all the Captain could say. But he did make up his mind to one thing. These men did not seem to be the mutinous type, nor convicts or prisoners. The Captain felt confident when he requested the radioman to wireless again to the Coast Guard Station to inquire about sinking ships. This time, however, the Captain especially requested any information about three missing sailors whose first names were Andrew. George and Ned.

While the Captain impatiently waited for his reply to the wireless, he thought that he might try questioning the men again, so he set off for the doctor and sick bay. He was met, however, by the doctor hurrying up the deck to see him.

"Where are they?" the doctor asked hurriedly.

"You mean they're gone?" the Captain asked. "Search the ship," he bellowed to all available crewmen.

"Their boat is gone, Captain," a crewman reported a few minutes later. "It slipped right off the ropes where we had her tied."

"Can it be that they've taken it and headed out to sea again? Do you suppose . . ." Captain Lomax went over to the deck rail and looked out to the empty sea.

Far out of sight of the Bonnie Belle, George, Ned and Andrew squinted hard to watch the last glimmer of the freighter disappear.

"Surely a ship from another time," Andrew said wondering-

"It must've been a dream," Ned said feelingly, "from being out in the sun too long. Surely there could never be a ship without proper sails."

Suddenly George nudged his two shipmates eagerly and pointed in the other direction. "Look, lads! A ship . . . a real ship on the horizon."

"It is that! Ho... Away my hearties... put your arms to the oars and we'll be within her in an hour."

"It's a pleasure," Andrew panted between strokes, "to see the sight of a good three-master again. That's the way a real ship looks!"

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THEY OLANCE DOWN AT AND ONE MINUTE IT IS THERE. THE CLITTERING DIAMOND BUT THE NEXT IT ISN'T! EVERY FEW MINUTES TO MAKE SUBE IT IS STILL. ON ITS PURPLE VELVET CUSHION.

















THEN, SOUNDLESSLY, HE CARRIES THE GEMTHROUGH THE DARK CORRIDORS OF THE FURNACE PIPES



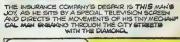
INTO THE COLD AND EMPTY FIRE BOX THE MINIATURE TOY MAN GOES, AND OUT THROUGH THE OPENED FURNACE DOOR.



THEN THE LITTLE MAN OF MYSTERY DISAPPEARS THROUGH A BROKEN WINDOW, AND INTO THE NIGHT.



WHILE IN THE EXHIBITION ROOM, THE DETECTIVES ARE STILL BAFFLED BY THE "MPOSCIBLE" ROBBERY.







TWENTY MINITES LATER, THE TINY MECHANICAL MAN COMES TO THE DOOR HELD OPEN BY "GIMMICK" GARSON





AND WHILE GARSON GLOATS OVER THE GLITTERING GEM; THE LITTLE MECHANICAL MAN IN THE CORNER STIRS...



HEY' COME BACK HERE YOU LITTLE SNEAK

TRYING TO SNEAK OFF TO GIVE YOURSELF UP TO THE POLICE AGAIN, LIKE YOU TRIED A COUPLE OF TIMES BEFORE, EH? YOU GET THOSE IDEAS?

ALL RIGHT. SO YOU CAN'T TALK, 'CAUSE YOU'RE ONLY TIN AN' WIRE! BLT YOU'VE GOT BRAINS 'CAUSE I BUILT SOME FOR YOU IN YOURS!



AND I'VE TOLD YOU A THOUSAND TIMES . GET IT THROUGH YOUR MECHANICAL BRAIN THAT "GIMMICK" GARSON IS THE BRAINS OF THIS OUTFIT... NOT YOU!

THERE HAVE BEEN SIX OTHER ROBBERIES IN THE PAST TWO WEEKS. ALL JUST AS BAFFLING! BE ALERT. ESPECIALLY YOU ROOMIES, AND DON'T PASS UP ANY CLUES THAT MISHT BE THE LEAD TO THE MAN OF MYSTERY!

THE INSURANCE COMPANY'S DETECTIVES TURN OVER THE CASE OF THE STOLEN STAR OF THE SAMARA POUNDS HIS BERT, HE IS ALERT, JUST AS THE CHIEF DIAMOND TO THE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND THE CHIEF ALERTS THE ENTIRE FORCE.



DOENLY THE CLANG-CLANG OF A BURGLAR ALARM IS HEARD.



AND IN HIS APARTMENT, "GIMMICK"
GARSON YELLS INTO A MICROPHONE
AT THE IMAGE ON HIS ELECTROVIDEO.



CASEY COMES CRASHING THROUGH : THE DOOR AND HE SPOTS THE LITTLE MECHANICAL MAN



THAT'S WHAT CASEY TELLS THE CHIEF AND HIS DETECTIVES LATER BUT AFTER THEY ALL EXAMINE THE MECHANICAL MAN THEY SHAKE THEIR HEADS.





Coppier Casey has "Gimmica" darson's Mechanical Man, But saason isn't wordied, because he's Keeping a ty bye on him.





GARSON COUNTS HIS LOOT A DOZEN TIMES, AND JUST HE STARTS TO COUNT FOR THE ISTH TIME, HIS DOOR COMES CRASHING DOWN.

THAT'S WHAT THE POLICE CHIEF AND HIS DETECTIVES WANT TO KNOW TOO, WHEN OFFICER CASEY BRINGS IN THE CROOK AND ALL THE STOLEN DIAMONDS.





THEY STARTED GIVING THE MECHANICAL MAN THE 'THIRD DEGREE', ASKING ALL KINDS OF QUESTIONS' AND WHEN THEY ASKED HIM WHO THE BRAINS OF THE OUTFIT WAS THE MECHANICAL MAN



HEY! THAT'S WHAT I TOLD HIM A YOU REPEATED IT SO OFTEN, HE HAD BRAINS TO LEARN TO SAY IT!

CASEY'S SURE TO GET HIS PROMOTION NOW, AND THE LITTLE MECHANICAL MAN WILL GET A NEW HOME.





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